



# a Springtime with Ninja

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Springtime  
inNinjutsu





WHAT  
WAS  
THAT?

A  
SIGN  
OF OUR  
LOVE.



I MADE  
A  
PROMISE  
WITH  
ANYONE.

LET'S  
GET  
MARRIED  
WHEN WE  
GROW  
UP.

THAT  
WAS  
THE  
FIRST  
TIME  
...



# NINJA LOVE

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A LORD WHO WANTED TO HAVE HIS DAUGHTER MARRY A POWERFUL MAN. FEELING PLAYFUL, HE DECLARED,

"WHOSOEVER CAN STEAL A KISS FROM THE PRINCESS SHALL HAVE HER HAND IN MARRIAGE."

HOWEVER, THE TASK WAS NOT AS EASY AS THEY EXPECTED...

SEEKING TO STEAL A KISS, MEN FROM ALL OVER THE LAND MADE THEIR WAY TOWARD THE PRINCESS.

WHO KEPT WATCH OVER HER LIPS AT ALL TIMES.

...FOR THE PRINCESS HAD BY HER SIDE A GUARDIAN,



I WANT  
A LOVELY  
MEMORY  
LIKE  
THIS  
ONE!

I'M  
SICK  
OF  
LIVING  
LIKE  
THIS!

GOD!  
ENOUGH  
ALREADY!

MY NAME  
IS BENIO  
KASUGAMI.  
I'M 15  
YEARS  
OLD.

IF THERE'S  
ONE THING  
THAT'S  
BEEN  
DRILLED  
INTO ME  
EVER  
SINCE  
I WAS A  
CHILD...

IT'S  
THAT...

WE'RE  
THE  
RICHEST  
PEOPLE  
IN JAPAN.

THE  
KASUGAMI  
FAMILY  
LINE GOES  
ALL THE  
WAY BACK  
TO THE  
MUROMACHI  
PERIOD.

SINCE YOUR PARENTS HAVE PASSED AWAY, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CARRY ON THE KASUGAMI FAMILY LINE.

I WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL! I WANT FRIENDS! I WANT A PROPER YOUTH!

I HAVEN'T BEEN OUTSIDE A SINGLE TIME SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN!

...I WON'T BE ALLOWED TO SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD UNTIL I'M 20.

UNCLE!

THAT'S RIGHT!

I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP IF WE LET YOU OUT OF THE HOUSE.

There's nothing I can do about it, My Lady.

HE'S RIGHT.

My Lady,  
your  
lessons...

IF YOU WENT OUTSIDE, EVERY MAN AND BOY IN JAPAN WOULD BE TRYING TO KISS YOU.

They're  
horrible!









FLOWER ARRANGING





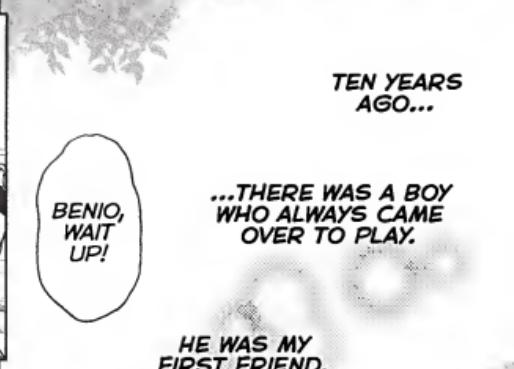
I MEAN,  
MY UNCLE  
IS ALWAYS  
BUSY. I JUST  
DON'T REALLY  
EAT WITH  
ANYONE.

SEEMS  
LONELY.

HEY, SO,  
DO YOU  
ALWAYS  
EAT ALONE  
IN HERE?



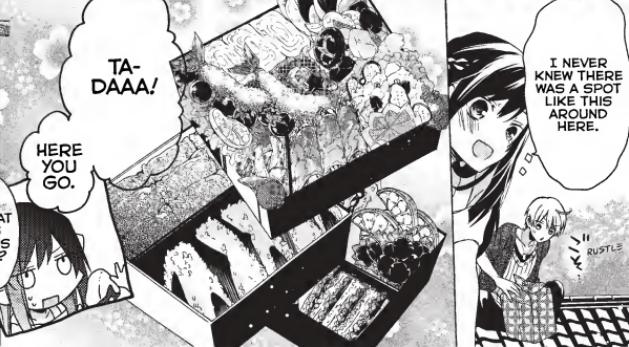
YOU  
REALLY  
DON'T HAVE  
A SINGLE  
FRIEND...





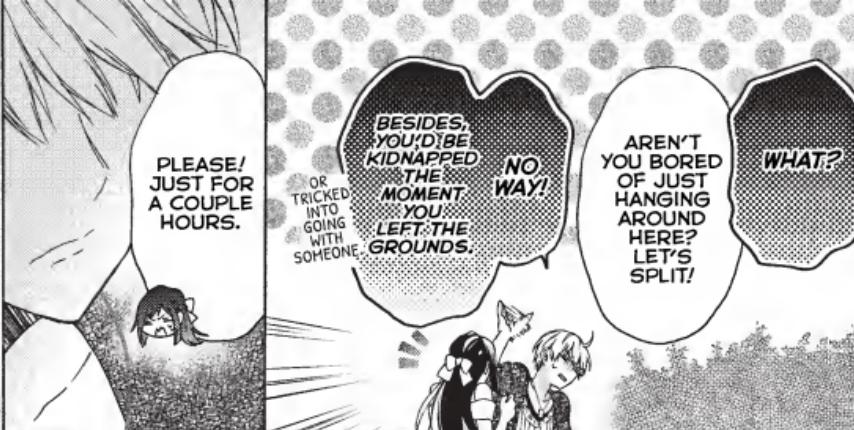
HMM  
...

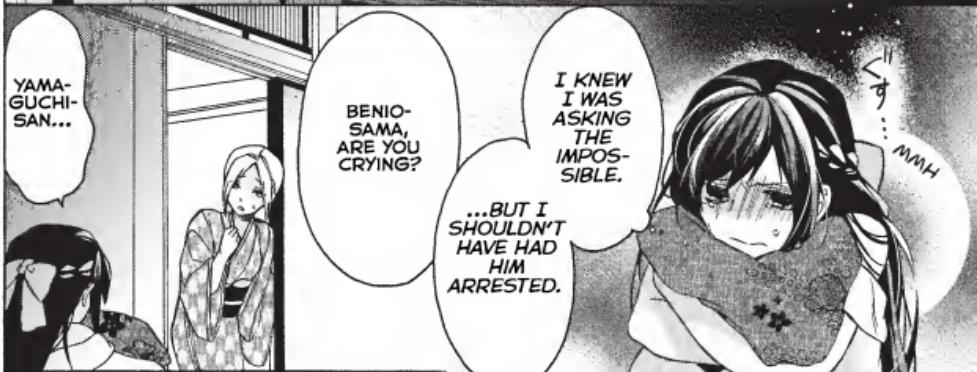
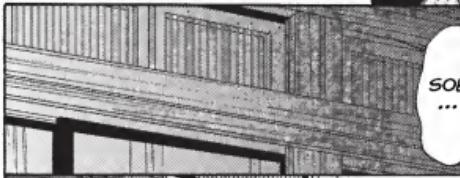












WOW! I'M  
REALLY  
OUTSIDE!

TODAY,  
LET'S DO  
ALL THE  
THINGS  
YOU'VE  
ALWAYS  
WANTED  
TO,  
BENIO-  
SAMA!

THIS IS  
THE FIRST  
TIME I'VE  
LEFT THE  
GROUNDS  
IN MY  
LIFE!

I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WANTED  
TO TRY THIS  
STUFF!

It's  
so  
good!  
♥

HUH?

...I KNOW  
A SECRET  
PATH YOU  
CAN USE TO  
ESCAPE.

SMIRK

ICE  
CREAM!

CREPES!

POPCORN!



WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHO ARE YOU? WHERE AM I?

CONGRATULATIONS!

I'VE CHOSEN YOU AS MY FIANCEE!

AREN'T THEY ONE OF THE FEW FAMILIES WHOSE WEALTH RIVALS OUR OWN...?

I MARVEL AT HOW SHE WALKED RIGHT INTO OUR HANDS.

HEIR TO THE YACHIYO ZAIBATSU.

I AM KAORU YACHIYO,

WHAT?!



NO WAY!  
SHE  
WAS A  
SPY?

BUT,  
FORTUNATELY,  
SHE WAS  
VERY  
EASY TO  
TRICK.



I DON'T  
WANT MY  
FIRST KISS  
TO BE  
STOLEN  
FROM  
ME LIKE  
THIS!

SHUDDER

I DON'T  
CARE  
WHAT YOU  
THINK.

THERE'S  
NO USE  
RESISTING.  
THIS IS THE  
TOP FLOOR  
OF THE  
100-STORY  
YACHIYO  
TOWER.

LET  
ME  
GO!

THERE'S  
NO HOPE  
OF ANYONE  
COMING TO  
SAVE YOU.



A  
TRADITION  
OF 600  
YEARS  
BEARS  
MORE  
WEIGHT  
THAN YOU  
KNOW.

THIS  
IS SO  
SCARY...











I'M  
SORRY,  
BENIO.

SQUEEZE

TAMAKI...?

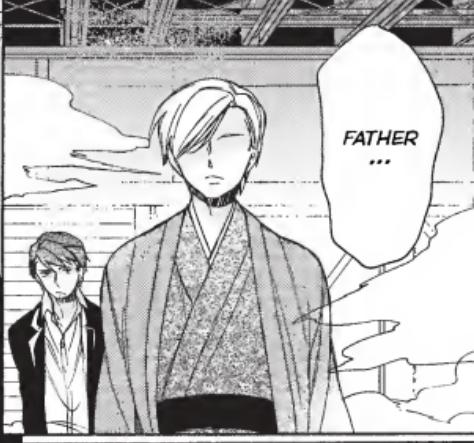


LET'S  
GET  
MARRIED.



IF OUR PARENTS FOUND OUT, THEY'D BE REALLY MAD, HUH?







...SO  
THAT  
I CAN  
PROTECT  
YOU NEXT  
TIME.





THEY'RE GOING TO LET YOU GO TO SCHOOL.



SQUEEZE

I CAN FINALLY GO TO SCHOOL! YAY!

OH, MY GOD!



MEANIE! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HUGGED ME, BENIO!



I  
WON'T  
ALLOW  
IT!

WHAT?!  
YOU'RE  
COMING  
WITH ME?

IT  
WON'T  
COME  
OFF...

GRRR  
GRRR  
DON'T YOU  
GET IT?  
AFTER WHAT  
HAPPENED  
YESTERDAY?  
PEOPLE ARE  
AFTER  
YOU.

YOU'RE  
NEVER  
GOING  
TO BE  
MORE  
THAN  
FIVE  
METERS  
AWAY  
FROM  
ME.

SNIRK  
G L -

PWV  
BUT...  
YOU'RE  
NOT TO  
GO MORE  
THAN FIVE  
METERS  
FROM  
ME!  
GOT  
IT?!

GAAAHH  
I I I  
ALL  
RIGHT,  
ALREADY.  
I GET  
IT!

...I WON'T  
BE THE  
ONE  
STAYING  
WITHIN  
FIVE  
METERS  
OF YOU.

HEH

REACH

YOU'RE  
TO PROTECT  
MY LIPS, NO  
MATTER  
WHAT!

I'LL BE  
THE ONE  
GIVING  
ORDERS!

...MY  
LADY.

I'LL  
DO SO  
WITHOUT  
MERCY...

# NINJA LOVE

## HANA TO SHINOBI

Hello to those who already know me and to those who don't! I'm Narumi Hasegaki.

How did you like "Ninja Love"? This story was originally published as a one-off, but it was so popular that I now get to turn it into a series called *Hana to Shinobi!* (tears of joy)

Thankfully, this is the second time I'm having a series published (the first time I got to draw for Aito Aoyagi-sensei's SF mystery series *The Laboratory of Lilika Tonegawa*; all three volumes are on sale in Japan now), but this is the first time I'm doing a series on my own.

I was suuper nervous at first. My heart was racing.

Originally, this was going to be a one-off, and then it was only going to be four chapters, but thanks to everyone's encouragement, Benio and Tamaki's story is going to continue!

I hope everyone will continue to follow these two as they start to grow up faster than their author can handle!

Narumi Hasegaki, 2016

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LOVELY READERS OF  
*HANA TO SHINOBI*





LEAF 1 X THE LADY AND THE NINJA'S CONTRACT



IT'S MY  
FIRST  
DAY OF  
SCHOOL!

HAVE A GOOD  
DAY, MY LADY!

I'M THE  
HEIRESS  
OF THE  
KASUGAMI  
FAMILY.  
WE'RE THE  
RICHEST  
FAMILY IN  
JAPAN, AND  
OUR LINE DATES  
ALL THE WAY  
BACK TO THE  
MUROMACHI  
PERIOD.

I'M BENIO  
KASUGAMI.



UNTIL NOW,  
I'VE BEEN  
CONFINED TO  
MY FAMILY'S  
PROPERTY  
MY WHOLE  
LIFE...

IT'S  
BEEN A  
LONG 15  
YEARS...

HAVE  
YOU BEEN  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO GOING  
TO SCHOOL  
WITH ME  
THAT  
MUCH?

4  
+  
7

SIZZLE

YOU'VE  
BEEN  
BURSTING  
WITH  
ENERGY  
SINCE THIS  
MORNING,  
HUH,  
BENIO?

I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
THE DAY  
WOULD  
COME  
WHEN I  
COULD  
GO TO  
SCHOOL.



BUT  
WHY  
SHOULD I HAVE  
TO...



YOU  
KNOW  
THERE'S  
NOTHING  
WE CAN DO  
ABOUT IT.  
IT WAS  
YOUR  
UNCLE'S  
DECISION.

WHY DO I  
HAVE TO  
GO TO  
SCHOOL  
WITH YOU?

THIS IS  
AS BAD  
AS I  
THOUGHT!



HE'S  
BEEN  
LIKE  
THIS  
ALL  
DAY...



OR  
WOULD  
YOU BE ALL  
RIGHT WITH  
HAVING TO  
MARRY  
SOME  
RANDOM  
GUY?



THERE'S  
A LOT OF  
PEOPLE  
OUT THERE  
LOOKING  
TO STEAL  
A KISS  
FROM YOU,  
REMEMBER?



HE  
DOES  
HAVE A  
POINT.



THERE'S  
NO WAY THE  
KIDS AT  
SCHOOL  
ARE  
GOING TO  
TRY TO  
KISS ME!

YOU'RE  
TOO  
CLOSE, MISTER!

SMACK

IT'S A TRADITION OF THE  
KASUGAMI FAMILY THAT...

...WHOEVER CAN GET PAST THE  
NINJA WHO GUARDS THE PRINCESS...

...AND STEAL A KISS FROM  
HER WILL GET TO MARRY HER.

THE ONE  
WHO  
GUARDS  
MY LIPS  
IS...

...BENIO.

THERE'S  
NO WAY THAT  
CAN HAPPEN  
THESE DAYS!

GUU

EEP!  
GRAB

THIS  
PLAYER,  
TAMAKI  
KAGESHITA...

...LAST  
IN A LINE  
OF NINJAS  
WHO HAVE  
SERVED MY  
FAMILY FOR  
GENERATIONS.

EEEEEEK!



IT'S A  
SHORT-CUT.  
YOU  
DON'T  
WANT TO  
BE LATE ON  
YOUR  
FIRST  
DAY, DO  
YOU?

WHA-  
WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
TRY-  
ING  
TO  
PULL?



WHAT?!

I JUST  
WANT  
TO BE  
A NORMAL  
TEENAGER!

What's  
this  
route  
we're  
taking,  
anyway??

BOING

I DON'T  
WANT  
THEM TO  
KNOW MY  
STATUS, EITHER!

WAIT;  
TA'MAKI,  
DON'T LET  
ANYONE AT  
SCHOOL  
FIND OUT  
YOU'RE A  
NINJA!



SPECIAL EVENTS

"CHARMED  
TO MAKE  
OUR  
ACQUAINTANCE"?

I'M  
BENIO  
KASUGAMI.  
I'M  
CHARMED  
TO MAKE  
EVERYONE'S  
ACQUAINTANCE.

BOW -  
THESE  
ARE THE  
CLASS-  
MATES  
I'VE BEEN  
LONGING FOR!

SINCE  
WE'RE  
IN THE  
SAME  
CLASS,  
WE'RE ALL  
ALREADY  
FRIENDS!

?!  
TWITCH

GLINT





ALL  
RIGHT,  
THEN! I'LL  
CHANGE MY  
STRATEGY  
AND TRY TO  
TALK TO  
SOMEONE  
MYSELF!

CLATTER





KERTHUNK

BUT THAT  
GIRL HAS  
ALREADY  
LEFT.

I DID  
IT!

I get it  
now. So  
you put  
money in!

YEAH,  
SEEMS LIKE  
PEOPLE ARE  
REALLY INTO  
THEIR CLUBS  
AT THIS  
SCHOOL.

CLUBS...

SHE  
SAID  
SHE HAD  
A CLUB  
MEET-  
ING.

HUH?

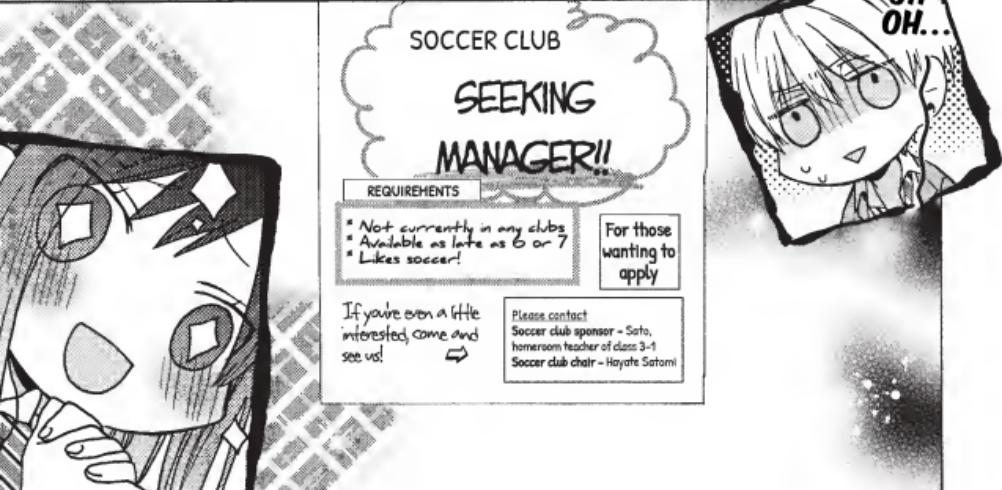
OH  
YEAH...

AHAHA!

FRIEND

HEHEHE

ANYWAY,  
WE HAD  
BETTER  
GET  
GOING,  
TOO.









At this rate,  
I may have  
to resort  
to force.











I THINK IT'LL BE FUN TO HAVE YOU ON THE TEAM, KASUGAMI-SAN.

OH, YEAH? GREAT!

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DOING THIS KIND OF THING.

IT'S JUST SO GREAT TO BE SHARING AN ACTIVITY WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE ON SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY.



REALLY...

HUH?







WHAT THE?

?!

NO,  
NOT  
REALLY.

SHE SAID  
SHE DIDN'T  
WANT TO BE  
PROTECTED  
BY SOMEONE  
WHO'S JUST  
AFTER  
MONEY,

OR  
DID YOU  
WANT ME TO  
PROTECT  
YOU,  
AFTER  
ALL?



I MEAN,  
IF YOU ASK,  
I CAN THINK  
ABOUT IT...

SNAP

AD  
THAT'S AN ORDER!

YOU HAD  
BETTER...

...PROTECT  
ME!!

TAMAKI,  
HE'S MIND  
CONTROL-  
LING THE  
SOCCER  
CLUB!

DON'T  
HURT  
THEM!

WILL DO,  
MY LADY.

YOU  
SURE  
ARE  
FUSSY!

PSH

PSH

PSH

PSH

LOOKS  
LIKE WE'VE  
GOT YOU  
CORNERED.



**SMACK**

Ha!  
A  
SINGL  
E,  
PITIFUL  
NINJA  
IS ALL  
YOU'VE  
GOT?  
OH,  
HOW THE  
KASUGA-  
MIS HAVE  
FALLEN!

TAMAKI!



THIS IS  
ABSOLUTELY  
UNFORGIV-  
ABLE!

THESE  
SOCCER  
PLAYERS  
DON'T HAVE  
ANYTHING TO  
DO WITH  
THIS, BUT  
YOU JUST  
USE THEM  
FOR YOUR  
DIRTY  
WORK!

YOU'RE  
PATHETIC!

GUH  
...

BENIO.

THROB









...THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
PERSON  
I TAKE  
ORDERS  
FROM.



YOU  
BROKE  
MY  
SPELL  
BY  
HURTING  
YOURSELF?!



WHA  
...





YOU  
WERE  
RIGHT,  
TAMAKI.

QUIVER

?!  
QUIVER

OH,  
MASTER,  
ALLOW ME  
TO TIE  
MYSELF  
UP

SPIN

O  
W  
W  
W!

I'M  
SORRY...

THAT I  
GOT YOU  
HURT.

I MEAN,  
YOU'D  
HAVE  
CRIED  
IF I HURT  
ANY OF THE  
SOCCER  
PLAYERS...





...AND  
IT COMES  
OUT OF MY  
PAYCHECK  
IF I MAKE  
YOU CRY.







!!!

TOOK  
YOU  
LONG  
ENOUGH!

NOW  
YOU  
BRING  
IT TO  
ME?!

!!! GUH





OF COURSE!

LET'S BE FRIENDS!

MY NAME'S  
RAN.

AND I'M  
MOMOE!

I'M  
GLAD  
THAT  
WORKED  
OUT.

You're  
so loud.

BYE BYE!

Bye Bye



**LEAF 2 X THE LADY AND HER FIRST LOVE? (PART 1)**



LONG  
AGO, I  
HAD A  
FRIEND  
WHO  
WOULD  
PLAY  
WITH  
ME.

BUT,  
ONE DAY,  
HE JUST  
DISAP-  
PEARED.

LOOKING  
BACK, I  
MIGHT  
SAY HE  
WAS MY  
FIRST  
LOVE.

I WAS  
SO SAD...

...THAT  
I WOULD  
JUST  
SPEND  
EVERY  
DAY  
CRYING.



I COULDN'T GO OUT AND LOOK FOR HIM...

...BUT I WAS SO LONELY.



I DIDN'T  
KNOW HIS  
ADDRESS,  
SO I JUST  
WROTE  
HIS NAME  
ON THE  
ENVELOPE...

...AND  
STUCK  
IT IN MY  
MAILBOX.

"IT SNOWED TODAY, TOO  
BAD WE CAN'T MAKE  
ANOTHER SNOWMAN."

"WHERE ARE YOU NOW?"

"I MISS YOU."

WHEN I CHECKED  
THE MAIL THE  
NEXT MORNING...

I FELT  
LIKE  
THAT  
WAS  
HIS  
REPLY.

...THERE  
WERE  
THESE  
BEAUTIFUL  
FLOWERS  
WAITING  
FOR ME.

I JUST  
HAVE TO  
MEET HIM  
AGAIN  
SOMEDAY!

I can't imagine  
what kind of  
wonderful man  
he's become...

WOW!  
THAT'S SO  
ROMANTIC!

RICH  
GIRL'S  
GET TO  
HAVE  
THE BEST  
MEMORIES,  
HUH?

NOW, I'VE  
PRESSSED  
THOSE  
MARIGOLDS,  
AND I CARRY  
THEM  
WITH ME  
WHEREVER  
I GO.

I'M BENIO  
KASUGAMI.

RIGHT  
NOW, I'M  
TALKING  
WITH MY  
FRIENDS  
ABOUT  
THE MOST  
GLORIOUS  
LOVE I'VE  
KNOWN.

PSH...

LATELY,  
I'VE BEEN  
STARTING  
TO THINK  
HE'S NOT  
SO BAD...

HE'S  
A NINJA.  
HE'S ALWAYS  
PROTECTING  
ME FROM  
DANGER.

ONE  
OF YOUR  
SERVANTS  
PROBABLY  
JUST SNUCK  
THEM IN  
THERE.

BUT...

A PLAYER  
LIKE YOU  
WOULD  
NEVER  
UNDER-  
STAND!

SOMETIMES  
I JUST  
CAN'T  
STAND  
HIM!

SHWA!! KICK!!

THIS GUY  
IS TAMAKI  
KAGESHITA.

NO WAY, IT  
COULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN  
HIM.

**DO THEY MEAN...  
THAT CULTURE  
FAIR?!**

LIKE  
THE  
ONE!  
ALWAYS  
SEE IN  
MANGA!

Culture  
Fair

WOW,  
THIS IS  
AMAZING!

THE LEADERS  
OF THE CULTURE  
FAIR ARE...

MARUTANI  
MICHIE  
MURAKAMI  
KAZUHIKO

I WONDER  
WHAT  
OUR  
CLASS  
WILL DO  
THIS  
YEAR?

Anyways,  
I GUESS  
THE  
CULTURE  
FAIR IS  
COMING  
UP,  
*I'm so excited!*  
HUH?

"CULTURE  
FAIR?"

SORRY,  
BUT...  
IT'S  
TOO  
LATE.  
THEY'RE  
ALREADY  
CHOSEN  
THE  
COMMITTEE.

I WOULD  
LIKE TO BE  
ON THE  
CULTURE  
FAIR  
EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE!

EXCUSE  
ME!

DONG

NO! I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WANTED  
TO BE ON THE  
COMMIT-  
TEE...

SORRY  
I'M  
LATE!

HE'S  
NAOTO.

HE  
WAS  
OUT OF  
SCHOOL  
FOR A  
WHILE, SO  
I GUESS  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW HIM,  
BENIO.

BUT WHO  
IS HE?

THAT GUY MUST  
BE ON THE  
EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE...

HEY,  
DON'T GO  
SHOWING  
UP LATE ON  
A DAY LIKE  
THIS! WE'RE  
CHOOSING  
WHAT TO DO  
FOR THE  
CULTURE  
FAIR.

I overslept  
a little...

**OUR  
SEATS  
ARE NEXT  
TO EACH  
OTHER...**

I'M GLAD  
HE SEEMS  
NICE.

SMIRK

I'M  
NAOTO  
OSAKA. I  
GUESS WE'LL  
BE SITTING  
NEXT TO  
EACH OTHER.  
Pleased  
to meet  
you!

WE  
HAVE A  
TRANSFER  
STUDENT,  
HUH?

I'LL  
HAVE  
TO MAKE  
FRIENDS  
WITH HIM  
RIGHT  
AWAY...

ARE  
A MAID  
CAFÉ OR A  
HAUNTED  
HOUSE.

IT  
LOOKS  
LIKE THE  
MOST  
POPULAR  
CHOIC-  
ES...

IT ON A PLAY

# HAUNTED HOUSE

MAID  
CAFE

CHANNEL-  
ING THE  
DEAD?!

UH...

IF WE  
DO A  
HAUNTED  
HOUSE, I  
COULD GET  
IN TOUCH  
WITH A  
FAMOUS  
MEDIUM...

FANCY  
MAIDS?!

OH,  
OH!

IF WE  
DO A MAID  
CAFÉ, I CAN  
HAVE ALL MY  
SERVANTS  
COME  
HELP US  
OUT!



...



SOME  
OTHER  
CLASS WILL  
PROBABLY DO  
A HAUNTED  
HOUSE,  
TOO.

BUT  
DIDN'T THIS  
CLASS DO  
A MAID CAFÉ  
LAST YEAR?!

BE A  
LITTLE  
MORE  
DISCREET,  
WHY  
DON'T  
YOU?!

ALL  
RIGHT,  
LOOKS LIKE  
IT'S TIME  
FOR MY  
HIDDEN  
TALENT: MY  
ONE-MAN  
SHOW!



SIZZLE

X

=

X

=

X

=

X

=

X

AT  
That sounds awesome!

THAT  
MIGHT BE  
GOOD...

**WHAT?**

THAT'S  
IT! WHY  
DON'T  
WE DO A  
NINJA  
CAFÉ?

## **WHAT?!**

NINJA  
CAFÉ

TINK

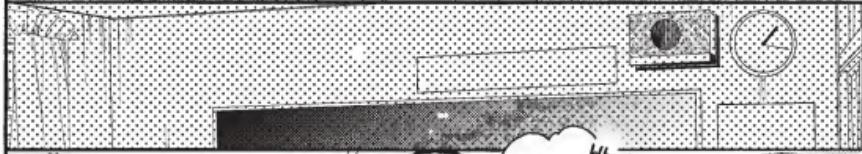
TINK



You're so  
talented!!

WOW,  
TAMAKI!  
THAT'S  
AMAZING!





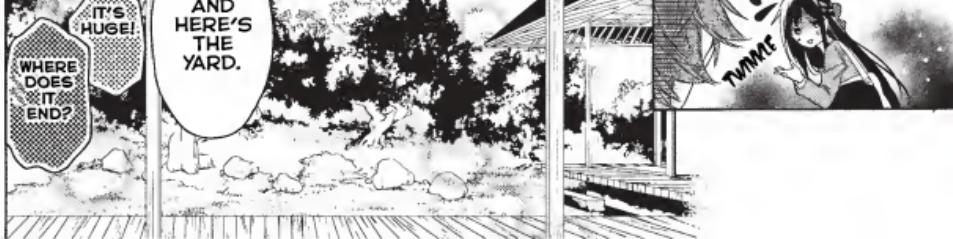








WELL, I'LL SHOW HIM!  
I'LL PROVE THAT NAOTO WAS MY FIRST LOVE!





I WONDER IF HE'S STARTING TO REMEMBER?

Whoa!









ALL  
RIGHT!  
I'LL  
DO  
IT!

DON'T  
MOVE...



WHAT?



NO,  
HE ISN'T  
REALLY  
GOING  
TO...







SINCE  
I DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
PROOF...

BUT  
THAT'S  
NOT THE  
ISSUE!

...I'LL  
JUST  
ASK  
NAOTO  
DIRECTLY!

ALTHOUGH,  
I DIDN'T  
REALIZE  
TAMAKI  
HAD A  
FIRST  
LOVE,  
TOO.

NAOTO!

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
I WANT TO  
ASK YOU.

WHERE  
WERE  
YOU?  
RAN AND  
MOMOE  
HAD TO GO  
LOOKING  
FOR  
YOU!

ACK!

...FIRST  
LOVE?

FLICK

WERE  
YOU...

...MY  
...

?!

WHY'D  
THE  
POWER  
JUST  
GO  
OUT?









TAMAKI!!

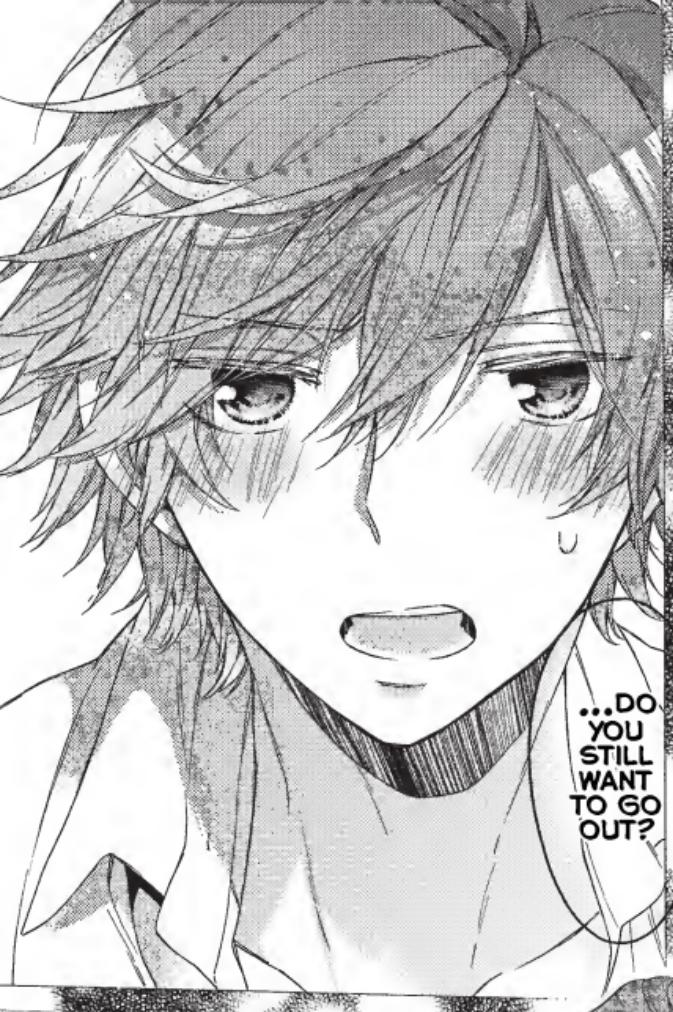
GET AWAY FROM HER.







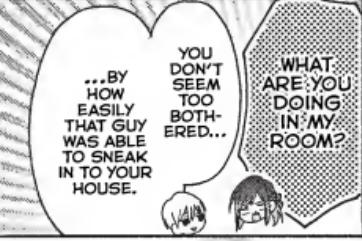




*DO  
YOU  
STILL  
WANT  
TO GO  
OUT?*

**LEAF 3 X THE LADY AND HER FIRST LOVE? (PART 2)**







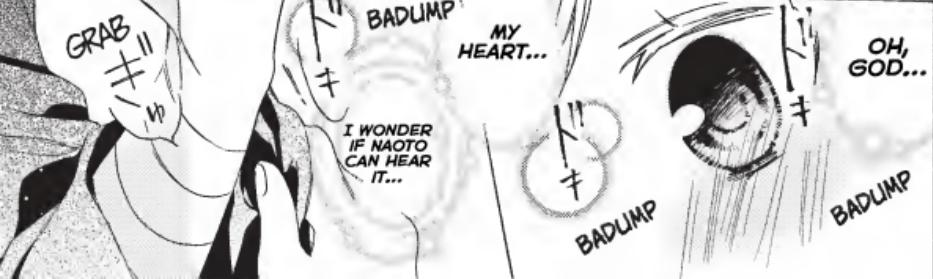




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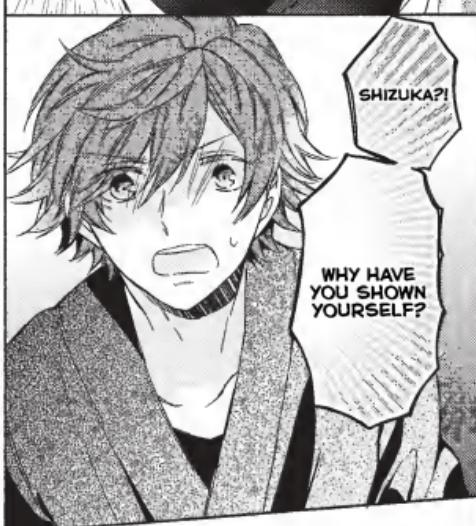
















NO...





SOME-TIMES,  
I'D-LIKE-  
TO-TRADE  
HER-IN...

IT-SURE-  
IS...

IT-MUST-BE  
A-PAIN-TO  
TAKE-CARE  
OF-SUCH-A  
STUBBORN  
LADY.

HEY THERE.

KERCHING

DASH

I DON'T  
CALL  
ME  
"BOY"!

GO  
AFTER  
THE  
PRIN-  
CESS  
NOW!  
BOY!



NAOTO?

...I DON'T  
WANT HIS  
EFFORTS  
TO HAVE  
BEEN IN  
VAIN.

SO...

GRAB

MY  
FAMILY  
IS JUST  
ABOUT  
GONE.  
HUH?

IT  
FELL  
APART.

AS  
EVERYONE  
LEFT,  
THE ONLY  
PERSON  
WHO  
STAYED  
BY MY  
SIDE...

HMPH

TAKING  
YOUR  
EYES  
OFF  
YOUR  
OPPO-  
NENT?

BENIO!





I'LL  
GIVE  
YOU MY  
KISS, MY  
FORTUNE,  
OR  
WHATEVER  
ELSE YOU  
WANT...

...SO GIVE  
ME THAT  
ANTIDOTE!



WHAT?

TING









...THAT  
I'D  
THROW  
TAMAKI'S  
LIFE  
AWAY  
FOR  
IT!

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
I CARE  
ABOUT SO  
MUCH...



WHAT  
?!

DON'T  
ACT SO  
HIGH AND  
MIGHTY.



THAT'S  
THE  
PROMISE  
I MADE.

I WILL  
HELP YOU  
ACCOMPLISH  
IT AT ANY  
COST.



WE  
HAVE A  
PURPOSE  
WE  
CANNOT  
FORSAKE.



DO  
YOU WANT  
ANYTHING  
MORE  
THAN TO  
RESTORE  
THE GLORY  
OF THE  
OSAKA  
FAMILY?

I...

WELL,  
THEN  
...

BLINK

SORRY.

TIME'S  
UP.

NAOTO!  
LOOK  
OUT!

**NINPO**

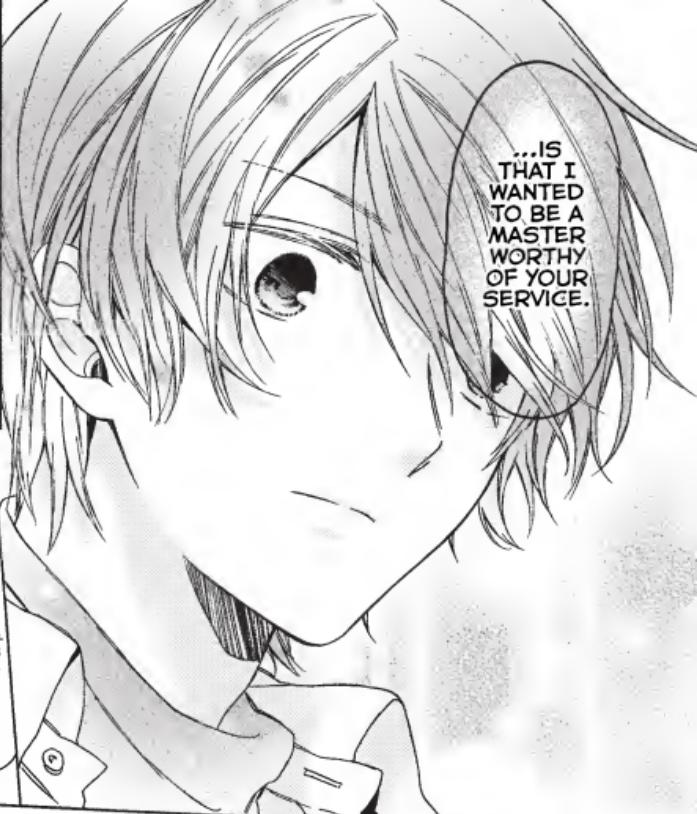
**HELL'S COUNTER-ATTACK**







WHEN  
THE OSAKA  
FAMILY WENT  
BANKRUPT,  
EVERYONE  
LEFT.



...IS  
THAT I  
WANTED  
TO BE A  
MASTER  
WORTHY  
OF YOUR  
SERVICE.



NO,  
LITTLE  
BOY.

WHATEVER.  
I GUESS  
YOU'LL  
LEAVE  
ME, TOO.  
RIGHT,  
SHIZUKA?

EVERY-  
ONE'S  
GONE.



I'LL  
STAY  
BY YOUR  
SIDE, NO  
MATTER  
WHAT.



YOU  
CAN  
RESTORE  
YOUR  
FAMILY'S  
GLORY  
SOMEDAY.



THERE'S  
NOTHING  
I CARE  
ABOUT SO  
MUCH THAT  
I'D THROW  
TAMAKI'S  
LIFE AWAY  
FOR IT!

BUT...



I WAS  
SO HAPPY.

I WANTED  
TO REPAY YOU,  
WHATEVER IT  
TOOK.



I'VE  
PUSHED  
YOU TOO  
FAR...

NOTHING  
IS WORTH  
ALL THIS  
FIGHTING.

YOU'RE  
ALL I  
NEED,  
SHIZUKA.



...I HAVE  
ONLY ONE  
MASTER.











Sob, hic...



I'M  
SO  
GLAD  
YOU'RE  
ALIVE!



JEEZ  
...



BACK  
THEN...

...I STILL  
THOUGHT...

...THAT TAMAKI  
WOULD ALWAYS  
BE THERE TO  
PROTECT ME.

YOU'RE  
SUCH A  
WORRY-  
WART,  
PRINCESS.



TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 2

IN THE NEXT VOLUME...

PREPARE FOR EVEN MORE EXCITEMENT!

COULD IT BE TAMAKI'S  
EX-GIRLFRIEND?!



THE LADY AND HER NINJA GET A LOT CLOSER!

BUT WHAT WILL BECOME  
OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP?



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